THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) There is an acute shortage of teaching faculty. In order to overcome this problem and also in the interest of maintaining the highest standard of dental education in the country, the Central Government has enhanced upper age limit for engagement of teaching faculty from 65 to 70 for teaching posts like Professors, Readers etc.,

(b) and (c) Any applicant, who is desirous of opening a new dental college in the country, is required to submit an application for that purpose as per the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 and Regulations made thereunder alongwith Essentiality Certificate issued by the concerned State Government. While giving such Essentiality Certificate, the State Government is required to indicate the availability of doctors in the State and the need for improving the availability of dental manpower in the State.

The Dental Council of India conducts inspection for verification of the availability of the requisite facilities as per the Council's norms before making the recommendation to the Central Government for grant of permission for the establishment of a new dental college. The Council also conducts periodic inspection of the already established dental colleges to ensure that the minimum facilities in terms of the Council's norms are available in such colleges. Necessary provisions are thus available in the Regulations of the Council to regulate the establishment of the dental colleges in the country and to prevent lowering of the standards of dental education.

Nursing colleges in the country

1455. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nursing colleges which have got permission by the Nursing Council of India, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint regarding some nursing colleges which have given wrong advertisements without the permission from the Nursing Council of India; and

(c) if so, what actions are taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There are 833 B.Sc. (Nursing), 82 P.B.B.Sc. (Nursing) and 97 M.Sc. (Nursing) colleges which are functioning with the approval of Indian Nursing Council State-wise, position is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) It has come to the notice of Indian Nursing Council through a court case pending in Karnataka High Court that some colleges in south India have issued advertisements claiming that they are recognized by Indian Nursing Council though no such approval or recognition has been conferred upon them by Indian Nursing Council. Since Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka is seized of this issue no action is contemplated at present.

Statement

State-wise list of Nursing Colleges functioning with approval of Indian Nursing Council

SL No.	State	B.Sc. (N)	P.B.B.Sc (N)	M.Sc (N)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	0	0	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	167	1	2
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4.	Assam	4	0	1
5.	Bihar	0	0	0
6.	Chhandigarh	1	1	1
7.	Chattisgarh	10	0	1
8.	Delhi	7	2	2
9.	Goa	3	1	0
10.	Gujarat	8	1	1
11.	Haryana	11	4	0
12.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	1	0
14.	Jharkhand	0	0	0
15.	Karnataka	285	21	28
16	Kerala	83	6	3
17.	Madhya Pradesh	42	5	5
18.	Maharashtra	43	8	5
19.	Manipur	0	0	0
20.	Maghalaya	1	0	0
21.	Mizoram	2	0	0
22.	Nagaland	0	0	0
23.	Orissa	12	2	1
24.	Pondicherry	6	0	0
25.	Punjab	30	10	2
26.	Rajasthan	18	1	1
27.	Sikkim	1	0	0
28.	Tamil Nadu	80	12	42
29.	Tripura	0	0	0
30.	Uttar Pradesh	6	1	0
31.	Uttaranchal	5	1	0
32.	West Bengal	6	4	2
	GRAND TOTAL:	833	82	97